KARO-ECHO Board Meeting
01/06/21
via Zoom

Present:

Howdy Goudy, KE6BEE
Larry Vanselow, KK6GIO
Hal Graboske, KK6NDF
Don Simon, NI6A
Annette McCoubrey, KJ6SWK
Tom Fattaruso, KN6BUY

Discussion of possible agenda items for upcoming 1/11/21 membership meeting

1 - Infrastructure, suggestions from Howdy, Don, Annette

Digital communication:

Which modes to investigate
How to incorporate digital into emergency communications
Organise a formal digital working group on website

Hardware:

Unused old equipment at E.C. fire station, convert for higher speed for VARA or Winlink
Frayed cable at El Cerrito EOC, repair of replace
Digital repeater equipment for "over the hill" communication
Antenna installation at Berkeley Reservoir
Wildfire camera system; if installed, who would a report go to?
What hardware does KARO-ECHO want to purchase?

2 - Training

What do we want to get out of training?
What works well, what is needed?
Possible additions to training :
- shift changes
- mutual aid teams
- resource net
- net control training
- portable operation
- adverse weather protection

3 - Recruiting

How do we recruit more operators?
Annette is working on printed mailer to be delivered to local ham operators
Can request for volunteers be submitted to El Cerrito "News and Views" newsletter?
https://www.el-cerrito.org/657/News-and-Views-Newsletter
A printed brochure that is inexpensive to print could be distributed to City Hall brochure racks, public events, etc (when public gatherings are possible again)

4 - Funding

PayPal link for dues being added to KARO-ECHO website
Grant being worked on, any other members experienced in grant writing?

5 - Records and Communications

When meetings are recorded to assist recording of minutes, should large recording files be deleted after use?

6 - Web/Internet/Data Management

(no input available at board meeting)

7 - Additional subjects

Procedure for distribution of contributed GMRS radios
Don will submit agreement document for approval or edits
Question as to whether KARO-ECHO has time and resources available to assist FRS/GMRS only groups